

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 32 are currently pending in the application. In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on February 9, 2006, the Applicants have elected Group I, Claims 1 to 32 for further prosecution. The Applicants have further canceled the non-elected Claims 33 to 61.

Applicants look forward to early action on the merits. If Examiner believes that a direct communication with Applicants' representative will help advance the case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required to make submission of this response timely. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, Applicants hereby submit a petition for such extension of time as may be necessary to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fees to deposit account No. 50-0573. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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